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OMAHA, July 28.—The action of the Burlington to increase the freight rates to join the state board from rates below the maximum rates in effect, August 1 was a surprise to other roads. None of them knew anything about it, and they differed in their ideas as to what the effect would be. General Manager Hollidore of the Burlington was asked if he understood that his suit operated in this way to increase the rates on this road. He replied that he did not take it that way. His road asked such injunctions because it had heard that the state board would award a rate on oil, coal, hay and other commodities, which rates had been advanced by his company. Hollidore asked that the board be not allowed to award a rate on oil, coal, hay and other commodities, which rates had been advanced by his company. He said that it was the intention of all roads to join the state board, but that after it has been put into force, the

to do it was delegated to the board by an unconstitutional act. Asked if this application for an injunction was not made by the Burlington on its own motion and without consultation with other roads, he replied that it was "strictly in accordance with the law."

The officials of the Burlington declare that the maximum rate law is in violation of the federal statute, which is intended to protect the property of railroads from unjust discrimination, and it bases this upon "the infant roads' clause" of the bill. This clause exempts from the operation of the act those roads which have been built in the state since January, 1889, or which may be built before Dec. 31, 1899, and would apply to lines of the Rock Island, Missouri City and O'Neill, and some of the Missouri Pacific lines. The exemption is made in such a manner that the infant roads

that these roads are as safe to travel as the reduced rates as the Burlington, and the fact is such a discrimination as is prohibited by the federal statute.

CINCINNATI, July 30.—Commercial travelers' day was well observed today. The American Exhibitors' association made special arrangements for the entertainment of the traveling men, and received the visitors at the headquarters of the association. Later the travelers assembled at Festival hall, where the Cincinnati board gave a special concert, and a formal reception address was made.

The black republic of Liberia formally dedicated a pavilion in the agricultural pavilion today, although the unique exhibit has been open to the public for some time. A large number of people attended. The guests were received by President

Thousands of the returning Turners from Milwaukee reached the city this morning, and were given a reception by the local German-Americans. The Turners gave gymnastic exercises on the grounds in the afternoon.

market that undermined board of trade prices today. Business was somewhat scant in all the pits. Wheat closed about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent lower, corn  $\frac{3}{4}$  cent, oats  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent and short ribs 30 cents lower. Pork is nominally 75 cents off and lard 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents. Wheat, corn and oats, however, were lower.

When advanced  $\frac{3}{8}$  cent, but again became weak, and closed  $\frac{3}{16}$  cent from the lowest prices of the day. In corn, aside from the financial situation, the rains reported last night throughout Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, with cooler weather and prospects

Of more rain, were a factor in causing the decline. Oats were unsettled. September closed at about the inside figures, with a net loss of  $\frac{3}{4}$  cent, while July lost  $\frac{1}{4}$  cents. July was freely offered. There were a few trades in pork, and a break of \$1 per barrel in price. An early sale was

**THE PULLMAN ASSESSMENT.**  
TOPEKA, Kan., July 26.—Concerning the reduction this year by the state board of assessors of the valuation of Pullman cars

from \$6,000 to \$4,500, while other classes of railroad property were increased, one of the state officers says that it occurred through a mistake. This mistake was not noticed until the assessment had been announced, and then it was too late to correct it. Two years ago using all the information they

ould collect on the subject, the assessors ascertained that a Pullman car cost about 14,000, and that, taking into consideration every item of expense, even down to the washing of the towels, each car netted the company 10 per cent per annum. The assessment was levied that year at \$6,000.

and the company gets a reduction of one-fourth this year through an error in making up the estimates.

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**POPULIST ASSESSMENTS.**  
TOPEKA, Kan., July 26.—The populist state officers are protesting against the

heavy assessments to which they are being subjected for the purpose of carrying on the political work of the People's party. These assessments, they claim, make quite a hole in the salaries allowed them, and are levied not only by the state committee, but also by county and district commit-

ess. Campaign funds are also called for from the subordinate employees in the various state departments. In many instances no amount is specified, but an intimation is given that a liberal contribution is expected from all who hold positions under the administration. The

unds are to be used in employing speakers, furnishing literature and making a vigorous canvass of the counties where the voting strength of the two parties is about equally divided.

Agent Duncan, who has been in Tablequah the last week investigating the intruder cases, has adjourned his court to Vinita. He will tomorrow take up the celebrated Tippin case up. While in Tablequah, Agent Duncan concluded his investiga-

sons so far as the Watts family is concerned, and failed to find any irregular proceedings in the court which admitted the Watts family. Agent Duncan will go to Fort Smith, where he will investigate half a dozen or more cases. The board of preachers expect to begin work this week.

CHOLERA.

CHENESTON, Pa., July 25.—An Austrian named Prosch, recently arrived in this country, died today from what the attending physician declares was Asiatic cholera. The case was confirmed at the Wellman

He had been employed at some construction work and lived on Lewis street, a poor section of the city. Dr. Rober was called at 10 o'clock this morning, and at 11 o'clock the Austrian died with all the symptoms of cholera. The board of health will quarantine the street and disinfest the premises.

**CLOSED MILLS.**  
NEW YORK, July 26.—Alexander Smith Sons' big carpet mills at Yonkers will be shut down tonight, throwing 5,000 men out of employment. President Cochran

PHILADELPHIA, July 26.—The woolen mills of Swartham Brothers, which employ

hand, are shut down immediately owing to the depression in trade.

Lewiston, Me., July 26.—The Bates mill will shut down on August 5 for five weeks. To mill employ 150 people.